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In re: Application of:

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Title: MULTIPLE SEQUENCING METHOD

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the US National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT for the purpose of adding the priority information. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please substitute for the Abstract the following:

--The present invention provides a method for identifying a nucleic acid utilizing a run-off sequencing reaction of a relatively short portion of the nucleic acid. The method can be utilized, for example, to identify an EST from only a small portion of the EST and in an analysis of nucleotide polymorphisms.--

The Abstract has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

In the Specification:

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/US99/21092 filed 14 September 1999, which claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/100,491 filed 16 September 1998 and Provisional Application No. 60/100,704 filed 17 September 1998.--